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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence

THROUGH : Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : Certificate of Merit

1. The Honor and Merit Awards Board is pleased to notify you that the award named above will be conferred on you in recognition of the excellent service you have rendered this Agency. Security considerations relevant to the award are explained in the attached memorandum from the Office of Security.

2. The award will be presented to you at a ceremony to be held in the near future. Members of your family, Agency associates, and intimate friends who are aware of your Agency affiliation may attend the ceremony.

3. Invitations to the ceremony will be extended by the Secretariat, Honor and Merit Awards Board, Office of Personnel, [Redacted]. Please send to that office the names and phone numbers of the guests you would like to have invited, and indicate any dates on which you would not be available for such a ceremony.

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TO : [REDACTED]
THRU : Recorder, Honor & Merit Awards Board
SUBJECT : [REDACTED] - Personnel Matter
(Award)

The Office of Security has been advised that you are the recipient of an Agency award. Accordingly, the following security reminders are furnished for your information and guidance:

- a. The award and all related materials should be maintained within the confines of your home.
- b. The number of persons outside the Agency learning of your award should be limited to your immediate family and circle of close friends.
- c. The nature of the work in which you are engaged is such that the award can only be described in a general frame of reference relating to your professional background. You must avoid a disclosure of details concerning the activities on which the award is based.
- d. You should not release nor cooperate in the release of any publicity concerning the granting of the award.

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SECTION A

PERSONAL DATA

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1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)		3. POSITION TITLE	4. GRADE	5. SD
		Intel Res Spec IA	11	IP
6. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT Eastern USSR Branch		8. STATION		
WGD/IEG/NPIC		FIELD (Specify location)		
9. HOME ADDRESS (No., St., City, State, ZIP Code)		10. HOME PHONE		11. CITIZENSHIP AND HOW ACQUIRED
				U. S. - Birth
12. IF RETIRING, DATE OF RETIREMENT		14. POSTHUMOUS		
		YES NO		
15. NAME OF NEXT OF KIN	16. RELATIONSHIP	17. HOME ADDRESS (No., St., City, State, ZIP Code)		18. HOME PHONE
	wife	same as above		as above

SECTION B

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROIC ACTION OR ACCEPTANCE OF HAZARD

19. WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO THE ACT		YES	NO
PERSONNEL IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OR WHO ASSISTED IN ACT OR SHARED IN SAME HAZARD:			
20. FULL NAME	21. ORGN. TITLE	22. GRADE	23. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT
LIST ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN ACT:			
24. FULL NAME	25. AWARD RECOMMENDED		
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED:			
26. LOCATION	27. INCLUSIVE DATES	28. TIME OF DAY	
29. PREVAILING GEOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS AND OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED			
30. DATES FOR WHICH AWARD RECOMMENDED	31. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED	32. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT	
	YES NO	YES NO	

SECTION C

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT, SERVICE, OR PERFORMANCE

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33. DO YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE		X	YES	NO
34. OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT OF PERSON RECOMMENDED AT TIME OF SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE				
Imagery Interpreter, Eastern USSR Branch, Western Geographic Div., IEG/NPIC				
35. COMPONENT OR STATION (Designation and location)				
Naval Weapons Plant				
DUTIES OF ASSIGNED POSITION				
Performs imagery interpretation of satellite photography of Soviet Far East, Siberia, and Mongolia.				
37. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED		38. ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED	39. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT	
		YES NO	YES NO	
PERSONNEL WHO ASSISTED OR CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE SERVICE OR PERFORMANCE				
40.	41. ORGN. TITLE	42. GRADE	43. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT	
	Chief	GS-15	Western Geo. Division	
	Deputy Chief	GS-14	USSR Branch, WGD	
LIST ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PERFORMANCE				
45. TYPE OF AWARD		DoD Award - Certificate of Achievement		

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~~1. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION~~

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Award for Achievement, Service, or Performance: State character of service during period for which recommended. (Give complete description of administrative, technical, or professional duties and responsibilities if not covered in Section C; include dates of assignment and relief.) What did the individual do that merits the award? Why was this outstanding when compared to others of like grade and experience in similar positions or circumstances? If appropriate, include production records and assistance rendered by other persons or units. What obstacles were encountered or overcome? Indicate results of achievement, service, or performance. Include reference to Fitness Reports, Letters of Commendation, or other documentation already on file which supports this recommendation. Enclose unclassified citation.

1. The buildup of Soviet forces on the China Border, an event of major significance, was in an extremely early phase when elements of the buildup were detected from photography in early 1966 at NPIC. However, the evidence was subtle and elusive, consisting of minute bits and pieces such as limited expansion of existing facilities, increases in equipment, and introduction of new equipment. Its significance was recognized by two imagery interpreters, [redacted] a specialist on airfields, and [redacted] a specialist on ground forces installations. [redacted]

resourcefully addressed themselves to the problem of proving their interpretation. They began a painstaking watch of small-scale search photography for the minute indicators of change. In reporting out individual developments in 1966 and 1967, they persisted in their interpretation that a major buildup was beginning. They pressed for the collection of further evidence. Where changes were found or suspected they pursued requests for high-resolution photography and for successive coverage. Long before the full magnitude of the buildup became obvious, they convinced NPIC officials of its significance. As subsequent photography revealed an accelerating buildup and the extreme importance of this situation became clearer within NPIC, they were formed into a two-man team to correlate and assemble their evidence in comprehensive form. They prepared their team briefings on the buildup, presenting their findings in at least 40 briefings which served to alert the intelligence community. They briefed high-level officials of the intelligence community. The alertness and professionalism of [redacted] through their briefings and reports successfully conveyed the significance and magnitude of the Soviet buildup.

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46. ENCLOSURES (List individually) IF ORIGINATOR IS NOT AN EYEWITNESS OR DOES NOT HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR PERFORMANCE, ATTACH AFFIDAVITS OF EYEWITNESS OR INDIVIDUALS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS.

1. PROPOSED CITATION

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47. RECOMMENDATION INITIATED BY

48. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE MAKING RECOM-
MENDATION

49. DATE: 3-1-68

Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC

SECTION -E	RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED THROUGH OFFICIALS CONCERNED FOR THEIR INFORMATION
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50. HEAD OF IP CAREER SERVICE
(Career service of nominee)

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51.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICE

TITLE AND SIGNATURE

DATE _____

52. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATING COMPONENT

TITLE AND SIGNATURE

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R. J. Smith
Deputy Director of Intelligence

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOR OR MERIT AWARD

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2. [] is an extremely effective member of the Eastern USSR Branch, Western Geographic Division, which is responsible for first- and second-phase exploitation of reconnaissance imagery of the Soviet Far East, Siberia, and Mongolia. He is recognized as a prime NPIC expert on military airfields and air force equipment, and is familiar with the techniques and timing of Soviet airfield construction. He developed unique methods to exploit the imagery fully. In recognizing the photographic indicators of the developing pattern of the Soviet air force buildup on the China border, he assembled and correlated a mass of small, individually insignificant items of intelligence to make a comprehensive summary of Soviet air force activity, in the border area over a period of several years. The summary was first published in report form in February 1969 [] Buildup of Soviet Forces Near the China Border and in Mongolia which was given wide dissemination. [] is always articulate and clear. In briefing on the air installations, his poise and self-confidence and his memory and ready grasp of all significant details marked him an outstanding briefer. His presentations were praised for excellence of clarity, organization, and substance. In all he demonstrates a high degree of intelligence, alertness, initiative, diligence, and versatility, and he has an unusual ability to work effectively under great pressure.

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3. Because of his especially significant contribution to the national intelligence on this extremely important development, it is strongly recommended that [] be given the Certificate of Merit.

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